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1. IN THE ABSENCE OF FOREIGN MINISTER FITZGERALD, AMBASSADOR AND DCM DELIVERED TO PERMSEC HUGH MCCANN DIPLOMATIC NOTE TRANSMITTED IN REFTEL AND MADE ORAL PRESENTATION AS DIRECTED.

2. AFTER STRESSING POLITICAL IMPORTANCE OF NEGOTIATING AN ACCEPTABLE SETTLEMENT WE TURNED TO SOME OF THE SPECIFIC ITEMS WHERE THE QUALITY OF THE CONCESSIONS OFFERED ARE CLEARLY INSUFFICIENT, AS OUTLINED IN PARA 5 OF REFTEL. WE NOTED THAT MANY OF THESE ITEMS WERE NOT PRODUCED IN IRELAND (TOBACCO, CONFIDENTIAL

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KRAFT PAPER, AGRICULTURAL TRACTORS, CITRUS) AND WE SUGGESTED THAT

IT WOULD BE IN IRELAND'S INTEREST TO SUPPORT IMPROVEMENT IN THE QUALITY OF CONCESSIONS OFFERED ON ITEMS SUCH AS THESE, BESIDES CONTRIBUTING TO A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION TO THE NEGOTIATIONS.

3. MCCANN SAID HE WAS NOT POSTED ON THE DETAILS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS BUT THAT HE AND HIS MINISTER WERE VERY MUCH AWARE OF THE POLITICAL IMPORTANCE OF A GOOD OUTCOME. HE AGREED THAT IT WOULD BE IN IRELAND'S INTEREST TO HAVE THE DUTIES LOWERED ON A NUMBER OF ITEMS THAT ARE NOT PRODUCED HERE. HE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT AS A NEW MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY, IRELAND HAD TO MAKE SURE IT DID NOT PRESS TOO HARD ON CONCESSIONS THAT WERE SENSITIVE TO SOME OF ITS FRIENDS IN THE COMMUNITY, SINCE IRELAND DEPENDED UPON THE SUPPORT OF THESE FRIENDS IN OTHER MATTERS IN RETURN. MCCANN MADE NO COMMITMENTS BUT PROMISED TO RELAY OUR REPRESENTATIONS TO HIS MINISTER AND HIS COLLEAGUES. HE SAID IT WOULD ALSO BE USEFUL IF WE COULD GIVE HIM A TALKING POINT PAPER CONTAINING SOME OF THE DETAIL CONTAINED IN OUR ORAL PRESENTATION, AND WE HAVE PROMISED THAT WE WOULD DO SO.
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